THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) Rifampicin is already in Category-II.

(b) Does not arise.

Increasing Incidence of Malaria

1336. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the incidence of Malaria has been increasing over the recent years;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what measures are proposed to check this disease?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) and (b) There has been an increase in the absolute number of cases of malaria during the past 3 years as under:—

Year	Number of Cases	Cases/1000 population per year
		(API)
1987	16·63 lakhs	2·21
1988	18·54 lakhs	2·42
1989	19·37 lakhs (Prov.)	2·48 (Prov.)

The reasons for the increase are inadequate spray coverage vector resistance to insecticides in some areas and lack of drainage facilities in migrated areas.

(c) The following specific steps are proposed to be continued to control spread of malaria:—

— Selective judicious residual insecticidal spray with appropriate insecticide.

— Fortnightly surveillance for detection and treatment of cases.

— Bio-environmental control methods through minor engineering modification in rural areas and anti-larval measures through chemicals and use of larvivorous fish and environmental management in urban areas.

— Intensification of special inputs in highly malarious areas with emphasis on personal protection ameasures, community involvement through health education, etc.

Import of Pethidine Hydrochloride

1337. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the parties which were granted import licences of Pethidine Hydrochloride during the last year and for what quantity;

(b) what is the C.I.F. value and how much customs duty is chargeable;

(c) whether there are problems of selling this drug manufactured indigenously; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) and (b) This De-